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1. Naumburg (J-89) and Weimar (J-57): At the end of March 1948, a curfew was imposed on Germans in Naumburg from 2000 to 0600 hours. It was still in effect at the end of April. A similar curfew was to be imposed in Weimar, but this was cancelled. Spot inspections of identity papers are, however, frequently staged on the Weimar streets on orders of the garrison commander, Colonel Fochedaranze.
2. The komendatura at Apolda (J-67) was closed on 1 April and moved to Weimar. Since the end of March 1948, a large number of Russian trucks and automobiles in Weimar have been marked with large T's or G's on white squares. The significance of these letters is not known. The Weimar motor pool officer is one Major Romanchev.
3. Possneck (J-73): A military radio transmitter is to be built in Possneck. It is intended to replace the transmitter in Gora and is to be more powerful.
4. Burkhardttsdorf: On 6 March 1948, a major Red Army exercise involving parachute troops and tanks took place on the maneuver ground at Burkhardttsdorf, near Chemnitz (K-65). General Yermolov was in charge. There were casualties among the paratroopers, and short bursts from self-propelled guns killed eight men and wounded 62. The exercise was attended by 120 Czech officers who had arrived from Karlovy Vary in busses. The Russian troop formations returned to Ohrdruf (J-15) on 9 March.
5. Annaberg (E-66): Until the beginning of March 1948, there were few Russian troops in the Annaberg area. During March, however, troops arrived in increasing numbers. There is a large engineer dump at Pöhl (K-62) and a remount depot containing about 400 horses at J8hstadt (K72). The following arrived at Bärenstein (K-72) railroad station on the indicated dates:  
  
29 March Sixteen self-propelled guns, between 80 and 100 mm.;  
Sixteen tracked vehicles;  
Twenty trucks;  
Six troop carriers;  
One hundred and eighty troops. All drove off towards Annaberg.

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31 March One thousand infantrymen armed with MG's and carbines;

1 April Ten field kitchens;  
Seventy to eighty horses;

5 April Fifty-two heavily-laden trucks.

6. Dresden: [redacted] an engineer unit consisting of 500 to 600 men had been stationed in the Dresden-Übigau barracks since the end of February 1948. Training is carried out on the sports ground to the north of the barracks, near the Autobahn. 50X1-HUM
7. Brandenburg (Z-23) and Rathenow (Z-15): In Brandenburg and Rathenow all civilian trucks and automobiles were re-registered during March 1948. The vehicles were examined for roadworthiness by German and Russian mechanics. [redacted] Each owner was also given instructions as to the disposition of his vehicle in the event of an emergency. 50X1-HUM
8. Schönwalde (Z-86): On 1 and 2 April 1948, 150 German policemen who had been trained in the USSR arrived in Schönwalde. They were assigned to frontier control duties at Fürstenwalde (V-33).

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